GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ATROCITIES ON SCS/STS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pertaining to atrocities registered with National Commission for SC/ST from the State of Orissa;

(b) whether the people belonging to high castes have usurped the agriculture land occupied by the people belonging to ST community in Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri district;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Commission in this regard so far;

(d) whether there is a general restriction on sale/purchase of land in names of SC/ST in the declared Scheduled areas of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Commission for dispensing justice in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes hasinformed that they do not register cases pertaining to atrocities on SC/ST people. Thefunction of the Commission is to investigate and monitor all the matters relating to Constitutional safeguards provided to SCs & STs and submit a report to the President.However, State Office of the Commission at Bhubaneswar has received 120 complaints since 1998 till date from SC&ST people of the State of Orissa

(b)&(c) No such complaints from ST Community of Koraput, Rayagada andMalkangiri Districts of Orissa have been received in the Commission.

(d)&(e) The Commission has reported that the sale and purchase of tribal land inScheduled Areas is being regulated by the Orissa Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by Scheduled Tribes) Regulation1956 (Regulation 2 of 1956). State Government of Orissa has been requested for sending further details on this.